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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101***

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

As per claims 13 and 15 applicant claims inputting and outputting two dimensional data. Said processing method has no practical application and is just outputting different format data and is therefore lacking useful, concrete and tangible results.

Claims 13 and 15 also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Specifically, since the claimed invention is not supported by either a specific and substantial asserted utility or a well established utility for the reasons set forth above, one skilled in the art clearly would not know how to use the claimed invention.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1- 12 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the prior art, either singularly or in combination, fairly teaches or suggests applicant's claimed invention wherein applicant recites" inputting two-dimensional data, and outputting one piece of two-dimensional data obtained after an entirety of rows or

columns of said input two-dimensional data is subjected selectively to one of a plurality of predefined operations, including one or more operations for converting tabular formats between rows and columns, wherein the one piece of two-dimensional data having a different tabular format from the input two-dimensional data.”

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

### **Inquiry**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mike Rahmjoo whose telephone number is 571-272-7789. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 AM- 5 pm.

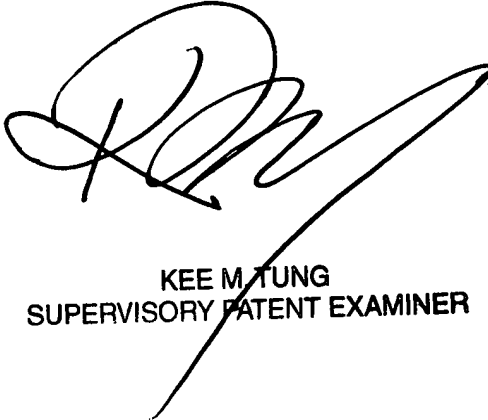
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Kee Tung can be reached on 571-272-7794. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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